

JUST HOW FAR SHOULD OUR WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS GO?

GENERAL WONDERING AT THEIR RAISON D'ETRE

Criticism of Activities Since First Such Body Was Founded.

PRIMARY REASON IS TWOFOLD

Cultural and Social, but Modern Clubs Have Reached Out Even Beyond These and Bear More Materially On Our Life as Nation.

By Virginia Lee Cox.

Half a hundred of the most prominent men and women in Virginia have been cast for the principal roles in the cast for the pageant to be given in connection with the association for the preservation of Virginia Antiques ball, which will be held at the Grays' Armory on January 27.

It is proposed to reproduce, as far as possible, the memorable affair of three decades ago, given by the A. V. A. in the Academy of Music. This will include the court of King James I; the presentation of Princess Pocahontas, and the grand ball itself. Costumes typical of the periods to be represented have been, or are being made, and will be ready in time for the gala event.

Miss Marion Gray is general chairman for the ball.

The following graphic description of the event of three decades ago, as carried in *The Richmond Times* on January 22, 1892, follows:

For some women's clubs were the organization has been criticism of their activities and a general wondering at their raison d'etre. Some people concede, with a patronizing air, that women's organizations give women something to do, and believe that this is an all-sufficient reason for the existence of these organizations, regardless of whether the things they do are worth while or futile.

Others, who are perhaps living fifty years behind their times, think that a club for women is only a means to keep a woman's attention divided between her home, where her "place" is, and a less important field. And all this is true, but there is another wonder just how far a woman's organization should go in its activities, just how broad its scope should be.

In the United States at present there are hundreds of women's organizations of many types, each having some main object, some definite purpose. The primary reason for the being of women's clubs is undoubtedly a cultural one, and to a large extent a social one, but every woman's club which is at all modern is going and branching out beyond this and taking up itself other activities which bear more materially on our life as a nation.

Fought for Equality.

When the fight began for the enfranchisement of women there sprang up a group of women's organizations which fought for the equality of women in politics. These organizations have continued their fight by using their influence to secure the passage of legislation in which women and children are primarily interested, and which make for the greater welfare of the country.

Another group of women's organizations, which antedates those organizations which have striven for women's political equality, and whose object is to preserve historical objects and to keep ever fresh the inspiring history of the great men and women of our country. Some women's organizations have been concerned with the purification of the food we eat, the standardization of our markets, and the establishment of milk stations where babies and children of poor families might obtain the proper nourishment.

With the achievements of women in business, organizations of business women, which have been formed, of business conditions, for women, and mutual helpfulness, have sprung up. One cannot deny that the purposes of these clubs are not only worthwhile, but also exceedingly necessary, and there are a number of other women's organizations whose objects are just as fine.

How Far Should Go.

Every club with a cultural object has a sufficiently strong purpose to warrant its existence, but the question is just how far should a woman's club go out of its beaten track when question of moment, in which all women are vitally interested, come up, and yet which lie distinctly outside of its general activities.

There is such a thing, however, as being interested enough in issues to express one's opinion pro or con, and to give one's endorsement. The fact that a great body of women's organizations had cried, "Shame!" against some condition in the city, some fact in public life, or some legislation which was unjust, would at least give greater weight to their opinion, and after that is the source from which our real revision of conditions come.

Stand Shoulder to Shoulder.

Women's clubs have but to realize how great is the strength of standing shoulder to shoulder to realize their true power. The General Federation of Women's Clubs has organized it took as its motto, "Unity in Diversity." It would not be a bad idea for women's clubs in general to adopt this motto, for the activities of all the various organizations of women are interested.

None of us strives in ourselves for a well-defined personality, neither too conservative nor yet too radical. And what applies to the individual easily applies to an organization. Women's clubs should take the middle path, not being too backward in public matters, nor yet too zealous in desiring to bring about reforms.

The place where women's clubs can best fit into the purposes and prove the necessity for their existence is in being correctly informed on all matters of import, and to correctly inform a club of women there must be committees which function properly, sift out the great mass of facts and get down to brass tacks.

A group of women properly informed on public matters will need no further incentive to take action on those things which, perhaps, lie outside of their particular organization's activities.

Just how far a woman's organization should go in its activities is, at least, a question to be given considerable thought.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY.

Woman's Club—Annual Luncheon—2 P. M.
Board of Managers, Baptist Home for Aged Women—Home—10:30 A. M.

TUESDAY.

Richmond Section, Council of Jewish Women—Temple Beth Ahbab—3 P. M.
Board, Women's Division, Salvation Army—2791 Fifth Avenue—12 noon

NATIONAL WOMAN'S PARTY.

Woman's Auxiliary, First Presbyterian Church—Talk by Attorney General Saunders.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

St. Paul's Church—Parish House—5:45 P. M.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

Cary Street Settlement House—Settlement House—8 P. M.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Barton Heights Methodist Church—Ladies' Parlor, Church—3:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.

Virginia Writers' Club—3406 Seminary Avenue—8:15 P. M.
Women's Auxiliary, American Legion, Post 1—Blues' Armory—11 A. M.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL LITERARY SOCIETY.

Annual meeting, Confederate Museum—11 A. M.

GINTER PARK WOMAN'S CLUB.

Lewis Ginter Community Building—3 P. M.

BARTON HEIGHTS WOMAN'S CLUB.

Annual meeting, auditorium, Barton Heights Woman's Club—3:30 P. M.

HIGHLAND PARK WOMAN'S CLUB.

3122 First Avenue—3:30 P. M.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Ginter Park Woman's Club—Lewis Ginter Community Building—2:15 P. M.

IRIS CIRCLE.

King's Daughters—2706 East Grace Street—7:30 P. M.

SUNSHINE CIRCLE.

King's Daughters—2639 Monument Avenue—11 A. M.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

14 North Laurel Street—3:30 P. M.

THURSDAY.

Richmond League of Women Voters—Annual meeting, room 639, Jefferson Hotel—4 P. M.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

Lee Chapter, U. D. C.—Room 639, Jefferson Hotel—3:30 P. M.

LABORATORY TECHNICIANS.

Westbrook—8 P. M.

GENERAL BOARD.

Retreat for the Sick—Hospital—11 A. M.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S COUNCIL.

Y. W. C. A.—Y. W. C. A.—6 P. M.

FRIDAY.

A. P. V. A.—Annual meeting, John Marshall House—3 P. M.

CHESTERFIELD CHAPTER.

U. D. C.—2027 West Grace Street—3 P. M.

FRIDAY STUDY CLUB.

24 North Allen Avenue—4 P. M.

PROVIDE XMAS CHEER FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

Service Legion Indefatigable in Its Efforts in Behalf of Ex-Soldiers.

Several organizations in this city were very interested and worked unusually hard in preparing and sending boxes of Christmas cheer to ex-service men. One of these organizations was the Service Legion. In speaking of this work, Mrs. G. T. W. Kern, president of the legion, stated that all the money necessary to carry out these plans was made by the legion, largely through contributions given by its members, and the sale of aprons. The legion did not call upon the public for help because its members felt that the sending of these boxes to the men who fought during the war is not a charity, but a privilege.

Mrs. Kern has just received several letters from the medical directors in the institutions to which these boxes were sent. A. W. McMillen, director, Red Cross Service at Whipple Barracks, Prescott, Arizona, says this box will be given to Mrs. Kern. The box, sent yesterday, contained a letter from the men arrived this morning. These are attractively done up and we know the boys will be delighted with them. Judging by the contents of the one box addressed to me, I know that each man will feel that he has received a very thoughtful and personal gift. I am sure you will agree for myself and for the others.

W. E. Brown, M. C., superintendent and medical director of the Blue Ridge Sanatorium at Charlottesville, writes thus: "The box for the ex-service men came in good shape and was received by me yesterday. I wish to thank the Service Legion for the interest it has taken in these men, and each member may rest assured that it is not only appreciated by the patients receiving, but by the sanatorium authorities."

A quiet marriage was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Lemuel Cheatham, 409 Forest Hill Avenue, at noon on Thursday, December 28, when her maid, Mrs. Ethelma Bailey, became the bride of Mr. Cuttineh of Whitaker, N. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George McDonald, D. D., pastor of First Baptist Church.

The bride wore an imported gown of gray chenille Canton crepe and carried a bouquet of sunburst roses. She was given away by her father, Samuel Bailey, William Cheatham, of Petersburg, was the groom's best man. Third vice-president, Mrs. Le Masurier, Mrs. Le Masurier is another splendid worker who is very much interested in the work of the auxiliary.

Fourth vice-president, Mrs. George Ernest, Mrs. Ernest, was a member of the auxiliary for some time and was elected fourth vice-president last May, in compliment to her work for the auxiliary.

First vice-president, Mrs. Frank D. Crump, Mrs. Crump is a splendid worker, who has been actively interested in the organization for two years. During that time she has been untiring in her efforts, and was last May elected first vice-president.

MRS. DERIEUX TO BE WRITERS' CLUB GUEST

Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of the University of Richmond, will have a place on program.

Mrs. Samuel A. Derieux, fiction editor of *The Delphian* magazine, will be the special guest of honor principal speaker at the Writers' Club meeting next Wednesday night at 8:15 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Duke, 3606 Seminary Avenue, Ginter Park. She will be introduced by Miss Margaret Prescott Montague, president of the University of Richmond, and also a member of the organization, will have a place on the program in addition to Mrs. Derieux and it is thought that the program will not only be extremely entertaining, but also of value to those in the writer's profession.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Daisy Avery, Mrs. Avery was appointed to this office only recently, when Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Le Masurier, Mrs. David Leary, Mrs. Leary has been a member of the auxiliary for four years ago. She is an excellent worker, who has made quite a success of the office of the treasurer.

Historian, Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain, Mrs. Chamberlain has served as historian for two years, doing this exacting work most accurately and successfully.

Chairman of membership committee, Mrs. G. B. Peasey. Mrs. Peasey did excellent work in getting new members, whose eligibility depends on whether they have members of their family in the auxiliaries. Mrs. Peasey has two boys and a brother in the Blues.

GLoucester

(Special to the Times-Dispatch)—

CLIFTON, VA., Dec. 30.—There was the usual homecoming Christmas night at the hall on the fair grounds. There was singing and the little ones gave a play, "Christmas From Mother Goose." Rev. H. L. Cook made a short talk on the symbolic meaning of the Christmas tree, stockings filled with nuts and candy were given to all the children.

Frances Jones and Baldwin Perrin were here from Virginia. Miss Hetty C. Jones was from Richmond, and Miss Mary Lee Jones, from the Fredericksburg Normal School.

Cadet Virginia Roane was home from Annapolis for the holidays.

Miss Fanny Burwell, Cadet, of Stuart Hall, spent the holidays at Gloucester.

Miss Sally Callett came over from Camp Eustis Sunday and spent Christmas Day with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Callett.

Giles B. Cooke and Alton Lindsay, of William and Mary, were with their parents for the holidays.

Miss Letitia Duval, one of the teachers at Stuart Hall, spent the holidays with her brother, T. E. Duval.

There was a large dance at the Agricultural Hall last night under the auspices of the Cornelia Thornton Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Legion, and the Edward Graham Field Post of the American Legion.

KEYSVILLE

(Special to the Times-Dispatch)—

KEYSVILLE, VA., Dec. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Townsend entertained a dinner party Tuesday evening. The house was tastefully decorated. The dining-room was lighted with candles. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree graced the center of the table. A delightful dinner was served after which the guests engaged in games and dancing.

Mrs. D. S. Gaudling entertained the "2nd Club" Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Jett, of Richmond, is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. E. Pettit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tuggee, Jr. and daughter, spent the weekend in Richmond.

Housewives' Body Head Speaks Here January 17



UNUSUAL AND DELICIOUS RECIPES FOR CRANBERRIES

CRANBERRIES

Cranberries for many years have been considered a winter delicacy, usually as an accompaniment to turkey, in the form of sauce or jelly.

Old-fashioned housewives used them in pies and tarts, the former invariably appearing with the lattice crust, which is so seldom seen today.

But by making cranberry jelly and pouring it in timbales, the other jelly cans be avoided.

The cans were attractively decorated with ferns, white carnations, narcissus, roses and carnation candies.

Ferns were used on the improvised altar, carrying out the color scheme of white and green.

Mr. and Mrs. Cuttineh will make their home in Whitaker, N. C.

CRANBERRY SALAD.

Stew a quart of berries and seedless raisins in two cups of boiling water, adding a generous spice bag and a half-cupful of sugar.

Strain the berries and tenderize them if they seem to be too tart.

The berries were then added to a cupful of cream.

When ready for the salad add a cupful of minced celery to the berries with a half-cupful of chopped onions.

Then add a tablespoonful of powdered mustard, a dash of salt and pepper, a dash of pepper, a dash of nutmeg and a dash of cayenne.

When ready, add a cupful of mayonnaise without mustard and serve on lettuce leaves.

JELLED SALAD.

Stew as usual one quart of cranberries in two and a half cups of hot water,